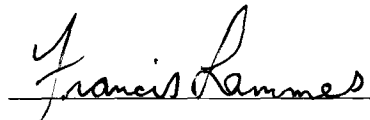


REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating claims 1, 7-9, 11-15, 20, 26-28 and 30-47 allowable. By this Amendment, the apparatus and computer program claims, i.e. claims 1, 7-9, 10-15, and 35-47 are canceled. The cancellation of these claims is not to be construed as a surrender of the subject matter set forth in these claims. To the contrary, the subject matter of these claims will be pursued in a continuation application filed subsequent to the filing of this Amendment. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if the Examiner believes that a call will expedite entry of this amendment and passing the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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